

Gentlemen

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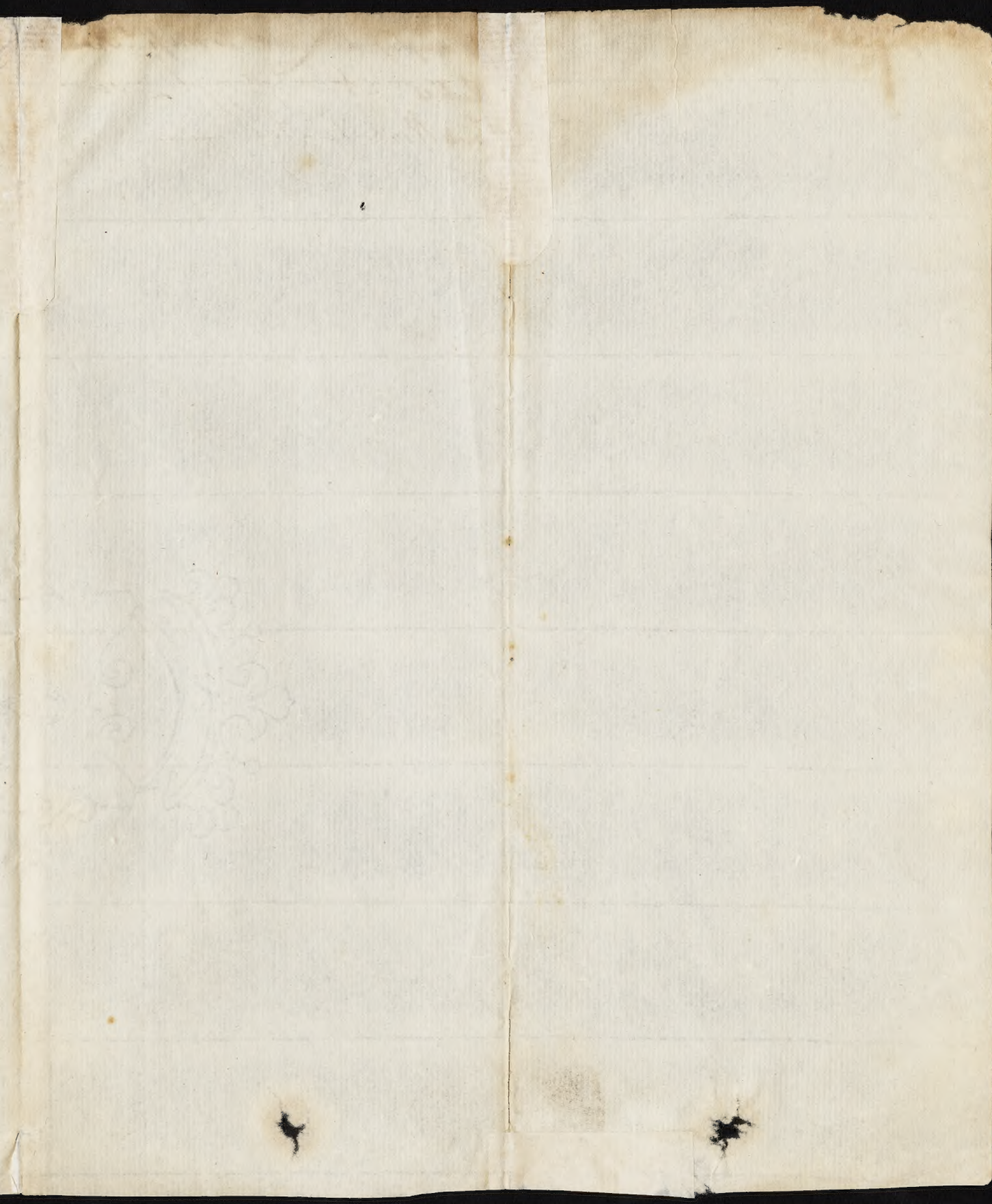
I have wrote you often and particularly
of affairs here, the want of intelligence retards
every thing, as I have not a Word from you, since
the 6 June last, I am well might distracted, that I
may not omit any chance of sending to you
I write this that I have long & miserable Letter
by me waiting the departure of Mons^r. Gen Dufour
Cory & his train who had I been properly and
in Season instructed, would before this have
been with you, at present I have put much
to the hazard, to effect what I have — in short
you have my Thoughts on Naval Operations
& I pray you send me some Blank Comm:
which will enable me to fit out Privateers
from hence without any Charge to you —

A War appears at hand and will probably
be general, — all Europe have their Eyes on
the States of America; and are astonished to
find, Month after Month, rolling away
without your applying to them for aid,
I hope such Application is on its way, nothing
is wanting to effect your utmost Wish

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I am with complements to Friends, & with
the highest respect for the honorable Congress.
Gentlemen your Most Obedt.
Very Hum: Servt

Wm. Franklin, Dickinson &c, &c,
Secret Committee of Congress



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